

rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated, however, that claims 24, 26-28 and 32-35 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant chooses Group I for further prosecution, pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowable Claims 1-20.

Applicant has made a bona fide effort to remove informalities from the specification, and to properly amend the claims. As such, it is believed the present application is in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice to that effect is most respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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